

# A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO OBTAIN THE OPINION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE  
UPON QUESTIONS OF LAW IN CERTAIN CASES, AND TO GIVE FORCE THERETO.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* The governor of the  
2 state, the executive council, the general assembly, and either branch thereof, are hereby au-  
3 thorized to submit to the supreme court of this state, for the opinion of said court, any im-  
4 portant questions of law, upon which, in the opinion of the governor, said council, assembly  
5 or branch, an immediate decision is required.

SEC. 2. The questions upon which said opinion is sought shall be forwarded to the chief  
2 justice of said court who shall, immediately upon receiving the same, notify in writing the  
3 justices of said court to appear at the rooms of said court at such date as said chief justice  
4 shall fix, but which date shall not be later than ten days thereafter, for the purpose of con-  
5 sidering said questions, and rendering said opinion thereon.

SEC. 3. Said court shall convene on the day and at the place named in said notice, and  
2 shall at once proceed to consider the questions submitted, and shall cause the opinion of said  
3 court, immediately on its rendition, to be forwarded to the office or body submitting the  
4 questions decided, which opinion shall be signed by all the justices concurring therein; and  
5 said court shall cause a duplicate of said opinion to be filed with the clerk of said court, and  
6 to be recorded in his office as other opinions of said court are therein filed and recorded.

SEC. 4. Said opinion shall be duly published in the reports of said court, and shall stand  
2 as the authoritative exposition and construction of the questions of law so decided, and shall  
3 have the full force and binding authority which, under the constitution and laws of this state,  
4 are of right due and are given to the opinions of said court in appellate proceedings deter-  
5 mined therein.

SEC. 5. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in  
2 force from and after its publication in the *Iowa State Register* and the *Iowa State Leader*, news-  
3 papers published at Des Moines, Iowa.